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SUBJ: CSCE CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES: APPLICATION ON SOVIET
TERRITORY

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1. IN MAY 15 POLADS MEETING, MILITARY COMMITTEE REP CIRCULATED
MAP SHOWING VARIOUS POSSIBLE WAYS TO DESIGNATE THE PARTS
OF SOVIET TERRITORY THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN OR EXCLUDED
FROM CBM REQUIREMENTS. UK, FRG AND DUTCH REPS CONTINUED TO STRESS
IMPORTANCE OF COVERING ALL SOVIET BORDER MD'S IN APPLICATION OF
CBM'S. RATHER THAN DESIGNATE MD'S IN WHICH CBM'S WOULD APPLY,
FRENCH REP SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE OF NAMING THOSE EUROPEAN
MILITARY DISTRICTS THAT WOULD BE EXEMPT.
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2. TWO DRAWBACKS OF DESIGNATING MD'S IN EUROPEAN USSR WERE
POINTED OUT:

A. PARTS OF TRANS-CAUCASUS AND NORTH CAUCASUS MD'S ADJOINING

TURKEY AND BLACK SEA WOULD NOT BE COVERED.

B. MD'S ARE SOVIET DESIGNATIONS, NOT ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL ENTITIES. THERE WAS EVEN SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ALLIES COULD CLAIM TO HAVE ANY OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OF MD BOUNDARIES. YK REP, HOWEVER, OBSERVED THAT MD'S IN MOST CASES COINCIDED WITH OTHER INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE SOVIET BOUNDARIES, WHICH COULD PROBABLY BE CITED. AT POLAD'S REQUEST, MC REP WAS ASKED TO RESEARCH CHARACTER OF MD'S.

3. AS A RESULT OF PROBLEMS WITH MD'S AND GENERAL LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR DUTCH PROPOSAL TO USE LINES OF LATITUDE/LONGITUDE, CHAIRMAN OBSERVED THAT MOST DELS FAVORED USING BANDS OF BORDER TERRITORY TO STIPULATE WHERE CBM'S WOULD APPLY WITHIN SOVIET TERRITORY. ALLIES MIGHT SEEK 700 KM. BAND, WITH POSSIBLE FALLBACK OF 500 KM. MOST REPS ALSO FELT THAT IN BLACK SEA AREA BAND SHOULD BE MEASURED FROM NORTHER COAST RATHER THAN FROM A MEDIAN LINE IN BLACK SEA.

4. UK REP ADDED THAT IT MIGHT BE ASSUMED THAT ANY EXCEPTIONS FOR SOVIET TERRITORY WOULD BE IN FORM OF A UNILATERAL STATEMENT BY SOVIETS, WHICH WOULD NOT BE CONTESTED BY OTHERS AND WOULD BE TO CSCE DOCUMENT, RATHER THAN AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ANY AGREED CSCE DOCUMENT. RUMSFELD

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